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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2000, please amend the above application as follows:

In the Specification:

After the title of the invention please insert:

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--This application is a continuation in part of PCT/JP97/01911, filed on June 5, 1997, claiming priority from JP146052 (filed on June 7, 1996), JP247710 (filed on September 19, 1996) and JP272422 (filed on October 15, 1996).--